

USAGE DU SUBJONCTIF

The subjunctive is a "mood" we use to show our attitude about an action.

Use it to show **NECESSITY** or **OBLIGATION**:

il faut que = it is necessary that)

ex: Il faut que tu finisses tes devoirs.

Use it to show **OPINION** (expressed by impersonal expressions):

il est bon que = it's good that

il est important que = it's important that

il est essentiel que = it's essential that

il est indispensable que = it's essential that

il est utile que = it's useful that

il est naturel que = it's natural that

il est normal que = it's normal that

il est juste que = it's fair that

il est dommage que = it's too bad that

&

il vaut mieux que = it's better that

ex: Il est important que tu finisses tes devoirs.

Use it to show **WISHES & DESIRES**:

je préfère que = I prefer that

souhaite que = I wish (hope) that

désire que = I hope (desire) that

je voudrais que = I would like

j'aimerais que = I would like

je veux que (from vouloir) = I want

j'insiste pour que = I insist that

j'exige que = I demand that

ex: Je souhaite que tu finisses tes devoirs.

Use the subjunctif in a dependent clause, not on its own.

ex: Blah blah blahdabliblah que tu finisses tes devoirs.

main clause

dependent clause